



# Emission Check

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### We can't test your vehicle.

We're sorry for the inconvenience, but we are unable to test your vehicle due to the problem(s) checked below. There is **no fee** charged at this time. **We recommend making *only* the check marked repairs or adjustment for now.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. Station No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lane No: \_\_\_\_\_ License No: \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Mgr. \_\_\_\_\_

### Here's why and what to do.

This will make it possible to test your vehicle. Further repairs will be needed only if your vehicle fails the emission check. Please take this notice with you when you take your vehicle in for repairs. Show it to the person who writes the work order.

#### Why we can't inspect your vehicle

- ☐ Exhaust system no intact
  - ☐ **Tailpipe missing or corroded.** We could not insert the sample probe far enough to get a good sample.
  - ☐ **Exhaust system leak.** We could not conduct a valid inspection. A leak can draw in fresh air which mixes with exhaust gasses. This can cause a false test result. Exhaust system leaks also can expose people inside the vehicle to harmful odorless fumes! We saw possible leaks in the:
    - ☐ **Tailpipe**
    - ☐ **Muffler**
    - ☐ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What to do:** Please have this problem repaired. We also recommend checking for and repairing any other exhaust system leaks. (Read "Notice to vehicle owner" at right.) Then return for an emission check.
- ☐ **Idle speed too high**

We cannot inspect a vehicle that idles faster than 1100 revolutions per minute (RPM) or the manufacturer's specified maximum idle speed, whichever is higher.

**What to do:** Please **only** have the engine idle speed adjusted to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. (Read "Notice to vehicle owner" at right). Then return for your emission check.
- ☐ **Safety**

We observed a condition that makes it unsafe for our staff to conduct the inspection.

  - ☐ Fluid Leak
  - ☐ Overheating
  - ☐ **Gas Cap Missing**
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What to do:** Please have this condition corrected then return for your emission check.

#### ☐ OBDII readiness codes

On Board Diagnostics systems require that after resetting or cleaning the memory on the vehicles computer system, that the vehicle must complete a manufacturer's designed drive cycle before all computer monitoring systems are able to make a determination of monitor status. The monitor must be able to check the function of each system and determine if the individual sensor or emission component is operating properly.

The state regulation requires that if the **engine check light** is **off** while the vehicle is running and there are more than **2** readiness monitors **NOT READY**, for 1996 TO 2000 vehicles, and more than **1** readiness monitor for 2001 and newer vehicles, that the vehicle will be **REJECTED** until the appropriate monitors have completed the necessary drive cycle. Contact your vehicle dealership if there are questions about how to complete a drive cycle for your vehicle.

#### For more information

Please visit the test station office. Assistance also is available from the Department of Ecology.

Monday through Friday: **8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

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